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SUBJECT: LWIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES—
MARCH 8, 2002

The minutes and revised agenda from the Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) Advisory Committee conference call on Friday, March 8, 2002, are attached for your review and information. Please ensure that the minutes are provided to the appropriate staff.

If you have any questions regarding the minutes, please contact James Scholl at (916) 657-4610.

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Attachments

LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA ADVISORY CONFERENCE CALL

Friday, March 8, 2002

Agenda

- 10.00 a.m. Welcome/Hot Topics Bill Burke
- California Workforce Investment Board** David Militzer
- Status on the 15 Percent Grants
 - Board Seminar
 - Policy Updates
- Workforce Investment Division** Bill Burke
- Reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act
 - Status of the PY 2002/2003 Formula Allocations
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 - Update on Legislative Hearings
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- Adjourn

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Welcome/Agenda Building/Hot Topics—Michael Evashenk, Workforce Investment Division (WID)

- Workforce Development Review and Reform Task Force—Governor Davis has established the Workforce Development Review and Reform Task Force to develop recommendations on how to reform the workforce development system. The Task Force has established a Web site to gather input on the development of the new California Labor Agency. Information Bulletin [WIAB01-86](#), entitled Workforce Development Review and Reform Task Force, dated March 5, 2002, gives detailed instructions on how to participate in this process. In addition, the Governor has submitted a Reorganization Plan to the Little Hoover Commission that proposes the establishment of a new Labor Agency. The Commission is currently reviewing the plan and formulating recommendations, and will hold a public hearing on March 19, 2002. Michael Bernick, Employment Development Department Director, and Patricia Nunn, Chair of the California Workforce Association and Executive Director of the Santa Ana City Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA), will be testifying.
- Technology to Teaching Initiatives—On March 7, 2002, WID staff hosted a conference call with the five LWIAs that have been awarded Technology-to-Teaching Initiative funds. The \$1.6 million of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) 25 percent funds for this initiative was announced by the Governor on November 19, 2001. These funds were dedicated to retrain and employ 200 laid-off technology workers to become Math or Science teachers in K-12 schools throughout California. The conference call was to announce awards and kick off the statewide program by encouraging coordination with the Teacher Recruitment Centers, the sharing of best practices and discussing the next steps. The five LWIAs receiving funding for the Technology-to-Teaching program are NOVA, City of Oakland (Eastbay Works), City of San Jose, Sonoma, and Ventura Counties.

State Board Update—David Militzer, California State Workforce Investment Board

- Status on the 15 Percent Grants—The State Board and the Governor's Office have made significant progress and would hope that awards will be announced in the very near future.

- Board Seminar—The session at Stanford was well attended by both the public and private sector Board members. The members were educated on the aspects of the current economic conditions and their role on the State Board. An outcome from the seminar was a preliminary discussion of Board priorities. This will be presented at the May 30 State Board meeting in Sacramento. Also on the agenda will be a recommended Board planning document for next year's critical activities. State Board members are planning to meet with Local Board members in conjunction with a California Workforce Association Local Board conference that is scheduled for May 29, 2002.
- Policy Updates—Directive [WIAD01-17](#), entitled, *Transfer of Funds—Adult and Dislocated Worker Formula Allocations*, is on the Employment Development Department (EDD) Web site for public comment. Also, Directive [WIAD01-10](#), entitled, *Funds Utilization Requirements for WIA Funds*, has been finalized and is also on the EDD Web site. The WID will inform each LWIA on their status toward meeting the requirement to obligate 80 percent of their formula for adult, youth, and dislocated worker funding. Directives [WIAD01-11](#), entitled, *Exemplary Performance Incentive Award* and [WIAD01-12](#), entitled, *Regional and Local Incentive Awards* are on the EDD Web site and detail the policy on incentive awards.

Workforce Investment Division Update—Bob Hermsmeier, WID

- Reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act—The process for the WIA reauthorization is just beginning. The Employment and Training Administration is seeking public comment on ways to integrate the WIA program extension with the reauthorization of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. The EDD will establish a workgroup of State and local-level partners. This workgroup's charge will be to produce ideas to improve workforce development programs that can be incorporated into WIA reauthorization. The WID will work with the California Workforce Association (CWA) to get the local-level partners. Additionally, this task force will incorporate the comments sent to the Workforce Development Review and Reform Task Force for the development of the new California Labor Agency.
- Status of the Program Year 2002-2003 Formula Allocations—The allocations were released by Department of Labor (DOL) in a Web site update which occurred during the call. Larry Fitch reported from the Web site that California funding was as follows: Youth was reduced 4 percent, Adults was reduced 3.6 percent and Dislocated Workers was reduced 20 percent. The LWIAs should receive their preliminary planning allocation numbers by March 22, 2002.
- Status of the Rescission—It is still unclear which program year's allocation will be reduced by the rescission. If the rescission comes out of the current program year, some LWIAs have already spent those funds. When the rescission is finalized, WID will explore whether 25 percent funds could be an option to use to help LWIAs offset the effects of the rescission.

- **Performance Negotiations**—Negotiations between the State and each LWIA have been completed; 25 on site negotiation sessions were held. With input from all but five LWIAs, most of the LWIA proposals seem reasonable and justifiable, with the exception of proposals on Older Youth. Our other challenge will be that the State's aggregate current performance level is substantially higher than the aggregate performance levels requested by the LWIAs.
- **Customer Satisfaction**—The WID has contracted with California State University-San Marcos to do customer satisfaction surveys. They have begun the survey process. The WID has submitted 650 participant names and 148 employer names for contact. However, the State has not received any employer contacts in March from the LWIAs. Please remember that the DOL requires that each LWIA enter employer contacts into a management information system, that is, Job Training Automation (JTA) in California. If a LWIA has questions on how to enter these data into JTA, please call the JTA Help desk at (916) 653-0202. If LWIAs have questions concerning their responsibility on employer customer satisfaction, please refer to Directive [WIAD01-13](#), entitled, *WIA Employer Customer Satisfaction*, which will be finalized on March 11, 2002.
- **Expenditure Report**—On December 18, 2001, the WID asked the LWIAs for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) expenditures information because DOL had asked the State to prepare a corrective action plan to address what DOL perceived to be low expenditures in California. We have prepared a comprehensive response that includes expenditure considerations but goes beyond those. Once the report is sent to DOL, we will also send it to our other partners via an information bulletin. We appreciate all of the LWIA input, comments, and considerations, especially in light of the short time frame given by DOL to complete the work.
- **Update on Legislative Hearings**—Bill Burke testified at the February 27, 2002, WIA Oversight Hearing called by Senator Chesbro's Budget Subcommittee. Frank Collins of EDD's Administration Branch, Paul Gussman and David Militzer of the State Board, Armando Quiroz of DOL, Virginia Hamilton of the CWA, and Jerry Dunn of Sonoma, were among those who also testified. The federal rescission of dislocated worker funds and proposed future budget reductions on the workforce system concerned the Committee members. Mr. Burke provided an overview of EDD's responses to minimize effects of rescission and to promote higher expenditure levels in the workforce system.

Open Discussion

- **Next Quarterly Meeting**—The next quarterly will be June 14 in Sacramento at the Radisson Hotel. There will be an upcoming information bulletin. The Quarterly agenda will be developed during the May 10 Advisory Committee's conference call.

- Transfer of Funds Between LWIAs—One of the Advisory Members asked the status of allowing LWIAs transfer funds to and from other LWIAs. The WID contacted DOL and they suggested we use Arizona as a model. When we contacted Arizona they indicated that their legal counsel had advised them that it was not legal. The WID has requested an opinion from EDD's Legal Office. We anticipate this opinion in the very near future.